CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL COAST REGION

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PUBLIC NOTICE ISSUANCE OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R3-2021-0006 FOR THE CITY OF MONTEREY STORM DRAIN MAINTENANCE PROGRAM (MONTEREY COUNTY)

March 17, 2021

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) proposes to authorize the City of Monterey (City) to implement its Storm Drain Maintenance Program (Program) by issuance of waste discharge requirements. The City will implement Program maintenance activities within drainages and associated facilities (many of which are modified naturally occurring streambeds, wetlands, riparian areas, and lakes) within the City of Monterey. Maintenance activities include the removal of sediment, debris, and trash, as well as trimming of vegetation using mechanical and non-mechanical maintenance techniques. Program implementation is necessary to ensure that the City's facilities can adequately transport storm flows within the drainage network that conveys stormwater runoff to Monterey Bay. A copy of the proposed waste discharge requirements can be found on the Central Coast Water Board's tentative orders page after March 17, 2021 at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board decisions/tentative orders/

The Central Coast Water Board will hold a public hearing to consider the issuance of the proposed waste discharge requirements on:

June 17-18, 2021

This meeting will be held by video and teleconference due to COVID-19 guidelines. Information regarding the video and teleconference will be available as part of the meeting agenda at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/2021/2021_agendas.htm |

Interested persons are invited to submit comments in writing to the Central Coast Water Board by email at centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov or to the San Luis Obispo address above no later than **April 16**, **2021**. All comments received prior to that date will be considered in the formulation of staff recommendations regarding the waste discharge. The Central Coast Water Board will not accept written comments or other written submittals on the proposed waste discharge requirements after **April 16**, **2021**, unless the Chair of the Central Coast Water Board rules that exclusion would create a hardship, and that the late submission will not prejudice any party or the Central Coast

Water Board. Any person submitting late comments or other submittals must explain why such materials were not submitted by **April 16, 2021**. The Chair of the Central Coast Water Board will rule on late submittals at or before the hearing. Late submittals that consist of evidence (as opposed to policy statements or comments) are generally prejudicial unless all parties and Central Coast Water Board staff have time to consider the evidence before the hearing.

Interested persons are invited to attend the virtual hearing and may make oral comments relevant to the proposed action. Oral comments should summarize written comments. The Chair of the Central Coast Water Board will impose time limits on oral comments.

The Report of Waste Discharge and related documents may be inspected and copied by the public. Due to state guidelines on COVID-19, please submit any requests to review documents electronically to Kim Sanders at kim.sanders@waterboards.ca.gov or Phil Hammer at phillip.hammer@waterboards.ca.gov. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.